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Alonzo L. Plough, Ph.D., MPH, Director

September 25, 2000

Current Resident

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Seattle, WA 98108

Dear Sir/Madam/Resident:

I am writing to ask permission to collect a surface soil sample from your property. Your property has been selected as a potential sampling location for a study of surface soil quality in the neighborhood surrounding the Long Painting Company, which is located at 8025 10th Avenue South in the Seattle's South Park community. The neighborhood surrounding the Long Painting Company is under evaluation by the Site Hazard Assessment (SHA) Program, Public Health - Seattle & King County for the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) because of community concerns about releases of metals from the Long Painting Company onto soil at nearby residential and park properties. The sample from your property will provide some of the information that will be used to determine the possible magnitude and extent of metal soil contamination in the neighborhood.

SHA Program staff, including myself, will collect the surface soil samples for this study. The samples will be collected from several neighborhood residential properties and two parks. Samples will be taken as far away from roads and driveways as possible, as well as away from the sides of structures to minimize other possible sources of localized contamination. These sources could be due to leaded gasoline, waste oil spills that may contain metals, and/or any historic use of heavy metal based paint on the structures. We anticipate that we will be collecting the samples from back yards because these areas tend to be the least disturbed. A three to four-ounce jar of soil will be taken from below apparent vegetation levels to a depth of two-inches below the ground surface.

The soil samples will be analyzed for Arsenic, Barium, Cadmium, Chromium, Lead, Selenium, and Silver by EPA Method 6010B, Hexavalent Chromium by EPA Method 7196 and Mercury by EPA Method 7471A (AKA Total RCRA Metals). Chemical analysis will be performed using SW 846 methods by OnSite Environmental, Redmond, WA, except the Hexavalent Chromium that will be analyzed by Sound Analytical Services as a subcontractor to OnSite.

The sampling dates are tentatively scheduled for October 17th and 18th. I am including a stamped, self-addressed envelope with a permission sheet, which I kindly request you fill out and return to me at your earliest convenience. We will be trying to get all of the samples collected in the scheduled two days, and do not know the exact time we will be at your property. Please indicate on your permission sheet if you have a particular date or time that would work best for you. We will try our best to accommodate your schedule. Be sure to include your telephone number so I can contact you, if necessary.

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this study. If you have any concerns or questions about the study, do not hesitate to call me directly at (206) 296-4724 or Barbara Trejo, the Washington Department of Ecology project manager at (425) 649-7206.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Isaksen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Isaksen, R.S.
Environmental Health Specialist
Site Hazard Assessment Program
Environmental Health

Enclosure
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____ YES! I am willing to participate in the sampling study.

____ Name

____ Signature

____ Date

____ Address

____ Phone number

If you have a preferred time or day (between 9 and 3 o'clock) on October 17 or 18, 2000,
please indicate your preference below:



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